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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/716,190	KOIDE ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Sang W. An	1732

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 November 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 18 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

- (1) Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Regarding claim 1(b), it is unclear to the examiner how adding the carbon nanomaterial to the core layer resin will control the skin layer thickness.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

- (2) Claim 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Friend et al. (US 2002/0132075) and evidenced by Friend et al (US 6464908). Regarding claim 1, Friend teaches a method for controlling a thickness of a skin layer on a composite product having a skin layer and a core layer, comprising steps of: (a) adding a carbon nanomaterial to either a first thermoplastic resin or a second thermoplastic resin (Pg. 3 Par. 39); (b) injection molding both said resins into a mold together or separately to

produce said composite product having the skin layer containing said first thermoplastic resin and the core layer containing said second thermoplastic resin (Pg.4 Par. 46).

As to the viscosity modification, Friend et al (US 6464908) discusses the modification of the viscosity of the resin when carbon fibrils are mixed with the polymeric resin (col.3 line 44). Here, Friend suggests using thermoset resins such as polyester as the preferred resin material (col.2 line 48) and mixing less than or equal to 20 wt % of the carbon fibrils (col. 3 line 1) of which the fibrils are observed to modify the viscosity. Similarly, Friend et al (US 2002/0132075) teaches an example where a masterbatch composition containing 15 wt % carbon fibril loading and 85% polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), a polyester, is mixed together. As evidenced by Friend (US 6464908), we would inherently expect the viscosity of the masterbatch to increase upon the addition of carbon fibrils in Friend (US 2002/0132075).

(3) Regarding Claim 2, Friend et al (US 2002/0132075) teaches using antistatic bilayered polymeric structure for packaging electronics where both the first and second layers have antistatic properties (Pg. 4 Par. 49-50). Therefore the examiner has determined that the first and the second resins, in this example, are the "same kind of resin," namely polymers with antistatic properties.

(4) Regarding Claim 3, Friend et al (US 2002/0132075) teaches using different materials for the bilayered polymeric structure (Pg. 5 Par. 57, please note that the examiner has interpreted "with another" to mean two different kinds of resins).

Conclusion

(5) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sang W. An whose telephone number is (571) 272-1997. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7AM-3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Colaianni can be reached at 571-272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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